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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

Just before 10:00 pm tonight, two officers responded to the Valero gas station at Military Dr and Commercial for two men looking suspicious and causing a disturbance. As the officers arrived, they witnessed one of the males holding a butcher knife. The suspect immediately turned and ran from the officers. Officers chased the suspect for two blocks before the suspect turned toward one of the officers while still holding the butcher knife. The suspect came at the officer closing the distance between them. The suspect refused to comply with the officer's commands to drop the knife. The suspect was approximately 6 feet away from the officer when the officer fired his duty weapon striking the suspect once in the leg. The suspect was transported to a local hospital with non life threatening injuries. The suspect will be charged with one count of attempted capital murder.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol Officer Daniel Pue, a 3 year veteran of the department, will be placed on administrative duty.

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